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WEB OF SHADOWS

Till July 31 this year, 10,912 cases already registered

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Cybercrime is silently but steadily tightening its grip on Bengaluru. On an average, two-three cases are reported every hour, adding up to 51 to 52 incidents daily. This relentless pace has driven the total number of registered cybercrime cases by July 31 this year to 10,912 .

"With online interactions and transactions now being the primary mode for business and personal activities, it's crucial for users to exercise caution. Gullible individuals, especially those new to digital platforms, are at risk of being deceived by fraudulent schemes in areas like share trading, insurance, and job opportunities. Scammers can even manipulate data analysts or impersonate courier services. It's essential for everyone to remember that not everything online is trustworthy," said Chandra Gupta, Additional Commissioner (Crime.)

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Share trading scams

In this scam, victims encounter advertisements on social media platforms like WhatsApp and Telegram promising free trading tips and classes. Clicking on these ads redirects them to unfamiliar WhatsApp or Telegram groups where fraudsters offer stock trading advice. The scammers then instruct victims to download trading apps provided by them, which lack registration with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). Victims deposit funds into various bank accounts and trade stocks based on fraudulent recommendations.

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Gandhi's teachings, a click closer

11,720 books digitised by Karnataka Gandhi Smaraka Nidhi & Servants of Knowledge

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In a significant move to preserve and spread the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi, the Karnataka Gandhi Smaraka Nidhi, in partnership with the non-profit organisation Servants of Knowledge, had successfully digitised the entire collection of the Gandhi Bhavan library. This monumental effort, completed in just three months, has resulted in the digitisation of 11,720 books, which will now be accessible to Gandhi organisations across India.

The digital collection, which includes a wide array of Gandhi's works, will be officially presented on August 25, during the valedictory session of an International Seminar commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Gandhi Smaraka Nidhi. The event will be graced by HK Patil, Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs, and Ramachandra Rahi, Chairman of the Gandhi Smaraka Nidhi, New Delhi.

The newly digitised library features the Collected Works of Mahatma Gandhi, along with other significant resources such as Harijan, Young India, and Indian Opinion. Additionally, the collection boasts hundreds of pamphlets from the Nava Jeevan Trust, the Pyarelal biographies, and the Desai diaries. The repository is not limited to Gandhi's works; it also includes extensive collections of writings by Jawaharlal

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Kids day out

Calling all little adventurers! House Of Little Monkey is here, bringing you a delightful mix of art, folk, theatre, literature, and fun-filled activities- perfect for kids and families. And the best part? Parents get free entry! Various activities like face painting, pot making, fire show, magic show, puppet show, shadow act, storytelling and health sessions, and so much more are in store at the event. Come, enjoy to your fullest!.
Where: Jayamahal Palace; When: August 25

02 Cultural extravaganza

Witness the feast of tradition and talent in 'Kadambari Utsav 2024,' an annual celebration of classical dance that brings together tradition, talent, and artistry. The event will feature a series of captivating performances by the students of the Kadambari School of Odissi Dance, demonstrating the rich and intricate movements characteristic of Odissi, and special guest performances by distinguished artists like Dr Poorna Suresh, an accomplished Bharatanatyam dancer, Rajashri Praharaj, a revered Odissi dancer, and others.
Where: Seva Sadan, Malleshwaram
When: August 25, 10:30 am

Students anxious as CET, COMED-K schedules overlap

Aspirants face issues as one round of college counselling ends before seat allocations are announced, causing frustration and calls for better coordination

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Students seeking professional courses are facing difficulties as the third round of COMED-K counselling is concluding before the Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA) has even started its first round. KEA was scheduled to release the CET seat allocation by 6 PM on September 1, but COMED-K is proceeding with its third round of counselling first. This overlap is causing frustration among students waiting for government or government quota seats in colleges.

The third round of COMED-K counselling is set to finish before the CET results are released, leaving students seeking government or government quota seats at a disadvantage. The timing conflict is creating challenges, as students need accurate CET results to make informed decisions. Both students and parents are calling for the government to synchronise COMED-K's third round with the CET counselling schedule. The current discrepancy is causing frustration and highlighting the need for better coordination to ensure a fair process.

For the current academic year, private colleges have set their fees under different categories. For government quota admissions, the fee is ₹84,000, whereas, in COMED-K, the fee amounts to ₹1.84 lakh. The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has mandated that classes should commence on September 15, following the completion of seat allocation processes. When contacted, Dr S Kumar, Executive Director of COMED-K said that CET candidates will be fully refunded if seats are vacated, addressing concerns about potential financial implications due to the delays. He acknowledged that the delay in CET procedures due to the NEET case has affected the timing but stressed that COMED will adhere to the educational calendar for the admission process. On the other hand, H Prasanna, Executive Director of KEA, confirmed that while the CET process has experienced delays, they are committed to starting counselling immediately after releasing the actual seat allocation. The KEA plans to conclude the first round of seat allocation before September 15, and if necessary, AICTE may extend deadlines to accommodate the delays.

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> – Priya S, aspirant

As a result, students are worried about the current situation with the CET and COMED-K counselling processes. Many are dismayed by the overlapping schedules that are affecting their college admissions. Ramesh Kumar, a CET aspirant, said, 'I have been eagerly waiting for the CET results to make an informed decision about my college. It's incredibly disheartening that the COMED-K counselling is moving forward before we know our CET results. This confusion makes it harder for us to plan our academic future." Similarly, another affected student, Priya Sharma added, "We've been caught in a frustrating limbo, with government seat allocations and counselling schedules not aligning. We expected to have a clear picture of our options before committing to any college, but now we're left in a difficult position, having to make choices based on incomplete information. We are calling for better coordination between the CET and COMED-K processes to avoid these conflicts. We hope that authorities will address these scheduling issues promptly to ensure a fair and transparent admission process, allowing them to make well-informed decisions about their academic careers."

Students and parents urge the government to align COMED-K and CET schedules

Golden Thunder poised to wear HPSL Derby sash

Namma Bengaluru boy, Karthik Ganapathy is back home from Mumbai for the blue riband of the summer racing season, the HPSL Bangalore Derby on Sunday. The leading pro, who entered the Hall Of Fame recording the only hat-trick in the Champion Of Champions event, the Indian Turf Invitation Cup through the All Time Great mare Juliette is confident that the big boy from his yard Golden Thunder will dominate the showdown at sundown on D-day. Karthik reckons that the twice winner from as many starts is in the classic mould and has the ability and capacity to outclass his 10 rivals, eight top colts and two fillies including the Fillies Championship Stakes winner, Excellent Lass in the mega event, which offers a big rich purse of Rs,1.18 crore to the winner.

"Golden Thunder is a top class colt blessed with exemplary temperament and he is enjoying the salubrious climate and is raring to go in the big event," said Karthik adding that he is happy with the preparations and is now looking forward to add another feather to his classic hat on Super Sunday.

At the draw of lots for the Derby contenders on Thursday, Karthik when posed with the question, who he thinks will pose a danger to his top colt, the top pro who, scaled a new high with Juliette, responded in nonchalant fashion that Golden Thunder is in a class of his own and should wear the Derby sash. "He is happy and enjoying the conditions at Bengaluru and the top saddle artiste Antony Raj, who will partner him in the classic journey is bullish of his chances in the biggest plum of the season," said Karthik.

Karthik disclosed that the owners of Juliette, who were disappointed after one of the best horse in the annals of Indian racing was denied entry to compete in the Dubai Racing Carnival early this year are working to gain a competition entry next year and provide the best performed Indian mare an opportunity to showcase her skills against the top guns on the international scene at the Meydan (Dubai). "Zavaray Poonawalla was understandably upset that Juliette missed the bus last year and he is working hard to book her passage to Dubai next year," said Karthik pointing out that the champion filly is still on top of her game and will make her presence felt against the best on the international scene.

Sporting owner Arun Alagappan who picked up Golden Thunder from Jai Govind Stud Farm, down here for the blue riband is very positive and gung-ho looking forward to the classic clash. "My horse is in good shape and more importantly, the trainer and jockey are very confident," said Arun. Dr AC Muthiah representing the MAM Ramaswamy Chettiar of Chettinad Charitable Trust too is hoping that Golden Thunder will do the trick in the Derby. Karthik has a good number of horses under his care and it is needless to mention that AC Muthiah will want his trainer to come out on top in the big fight for the top prize.

Karanveer Singh from the Jai Govind Stud Farm immensely pleased with the two facile victories of Golden Thunder is hoping that the frontline contender will produce his best and stamp his authority in the champion event. Another owner, Anasuya Gupta revealed that Karthik has left no stone unturned in his effort to send out Golden Thunder spot on for the rich event. "Karthik I know has done his best and I fancy Golden Thunder to emerge champ on the big day," said Anasuya. **— Ikram Khan**

The top Derby contestant Golden Thunder led in by Karthik Ganapathy (left) and owner Arun Alagappan after his maiden win in Mumbai

9,684 defective number plate cases in 22 days

Police are taking offence seriously in the wake of road rage and hit-and-run cases

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The traffic police have registered 9,684 cases against vehicles with defective or missing number plates over the past 22 days, according to a recent post on X by Alok Kumar, the Joint Commissioner of Traffic, Bengaluru. Kumar's post emphasised on the severity of the issue, stating, "Another menace—defective/without number plates used to dodge law enforcement authorities in traffic violations & road accident cases and even for committing crime."

The drive is part of a broader strategy by the traffic police to address the rise in violations that contribute to lawlessness on the city's roads. Improper number plates not only pose challenges for law enforcement in identifying and tracking vehicles but also provide a cover for those engaged in more serious criminal activities, including road rage incidents and hit-and-run cases.

In his statement, Alok Kumar stressed on the importance of dealing firmly with offenders. "Defiance of law and manipulation must be dealt with firmly."

Vehicle numbers are crucial for legal identification, law enforcement, road safety, and traffic management. Law enforcement agencies use the numbers to track traffic violations, solve crimes, and trace vehicles involved in accidents or illegal activities. Properly displayed number plates help prevent the misuse of vehicles in criminal activities and ensure that offenders can be held accountable. Additionally, vehicle numbers assist in monitoring traffic, regulating road use, and enabling emergency responders to quickly identify and contact vehicle owners in emergencies.

The public's reaction to Kumar's tweet was swift and supportive. A user on X highlighted the significance of the police's actions, stating, "Thank you, sir, for acting against the habitual offenders and criminals driving without number plates. These are the people who often indulge in road rage, and only exemplary punishment will instill fear of law among these individuals."

Responding to Kumar's tweet, another user pointed out that the surge in such cases reflects a troubling trend of lawlessness. They remarked, "The surge in cases involving defective or missing number plates highlights a troubling trend of lawlessness. Swift and decisive action is necessary to deter such offences, ensuring that the integrity of traffic regulations and public safety is maintained."

DRINK AND DRIVE

200 cases across city, 40 in K'mangala alone

Traffic police conduct special drive to educate people about perils of driving under the influence

City traffic police have been on a lookout to crack down on drunk driving cases. "We are checking for drunk driving every day. We are concentrating on areas with a large number of pubs. On Friday, we booked 200 cases, with 40 in Koramangala alone. We want to ensure that no one drinks and drives," said Sivaprakash Devaraju, Deputy Commissioner of police, Traffic police, south division.

The city-wide drive launched on Friday saw the registration of 201 cases against drivers and riders under the influence of alcohol. Traffic officers fanned out across Bengaluru, setting up checkpoints and inspecting vehicles for any signs of impaired driving.

MN Anucheth, Joint Commissioner of police (traffic) told BM that 34,676 vehicles were checked and 779 cases were booked. Around 1,200 officers and staff of traffic police were deployed for the drive

In the South Division, officers checked 9,615 vehicles and found 201 drivers in violation of the law. The numbers speak volumes: Adugodi, with 1,783 vehicles checked, topped the list with 41 cases of drunken driving, while HSR Layout followed with 19 cases out of 1,678 vehicles. Even in areas like KS Layout and Talaghattapura, where the traffic is lighter, offenders were not spared.

In areas like Jayanagar and Banashankari, where nightlife is vibrant, the drive saw 17 and eight cases registered respectively.

According to the traffic police department the drive was also about educating the public about the dangers of drunk driving.

Fake accident conman arrested

Jayanagar police on Saturday arrested 29-year-old Jameel Khan from Rajendra Nagar, Mysuru, for extorting money from motorists by posing as a victim of road accidents. According to the police, Khan is linked to 17 similar cases, including nine in Bengaluru.

In one incident on June 14, Khan approached Prasad Kuduva near Cool Joint in Jayanagar, falsely claiming that Kuduva's car had grazed his scooter in Jayanagar 4th Block. He then staged a scene, pressuring Kuduva to transfer ₹30,000 online and provide ₹300 in cash before fleeing the spot.

Based on Kuduva's complaint, police tracked down Khan using CCTV footage and bank account details. After monitoring his activities for 15 days, they arrested him. Police disclosed that Khan would stay in lodges and visit bars across the city, spending the money he extorted until he found his next target. He is also connected to similar crimes in KR Sagar, Ashok Puram in Mysuru, as well as in Madduru and Bilikere in Hunsur.

Fan murder: Spotlight on actor Chikkanna

The Renukaswamy murder case has taken a dramatic turn as new revelations implicate popular actor Chikkanna in a criminal conspiracy. The case, which initially focused on Darshan, now points to the actor's involvement, as evidence suggests he knew key details about the attack but remained silent.

After Darshan attacked Renukaswamy, he went to Brook Cafe and called his younger brother to discuss the incident. During their conversation, Darshan allegedly informed his brother about the attackers and discussed possible actions. It is also reported that Chikkanna, who is close to Darshan, advised him to go to Mysore, yet remained quiet despite knowing critical information about the crime.

The police have collected witness statements under Section 164, suggesting Darshan's younger brother may be implicated under Section 120b, which addresses criminal conspiracy. Authorities are preparing to issue notices to both Chikkanna and Darshan's brother for questioning. The investigation continues.

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Different traps, same outcome

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They are shown fake profits in their digital wallets, but when they attempt to withdraw, they are told withdrawals are only possible after reaching around Rs 50 lakh in profits. Believing this to be a company policy, some victims continue to invest. Eventually, they are asked to pay a tax on the fake profits. If they refuse, their communication is cut off, and they are blocked from the app, realising too late that they have been scammed.

Recently, a tech-savvy couple from Bengaluru recovered Rs 1.4 crore of their Rs 1.53 crore loss from an online trading scam with the help of cybercrime police. The scammers, based in the UK, used mule accounts rented from North India to launder the stolen funds. The couple was lured with promises of high returns and given access to a fake website to track their investments. Initially pleased with the growth, they were shocked to find the website inaccessible when they attempted to withdraw funds.

FedEx courier fraud

Recently, a 74-year-old retired Lieutenant Colonel in Bengaluru fell victim to a sophisticated FedEx scam, losing Rs 73 lakh after being tricked into transferring money to five different accounts. Devansh (name changed), a resident of Vasanth Nagar, received a call on June 13 from someone posing as a FedEx executive. The caller claimed that a package in Devansh's name contained illegal items and informed him of a case filed against him with the Delhi Police. Shortly thereafter, Devansh was contacted through a WhatsApp video call by an individual posing as a senior police officer. The caller was dressed in a police uniform and was in a setting that resembled a police station, complete with other men in uniforms.

In a broader scheme, scammers are deceiving victims by alleging that parcels in their names have been intercepted by law enforcement agencies such as the police, narcotics department, or CBI. Victims are then connected with fake officials who claim to represent these agencies, accusing them of drug-related offences. Using forged documents and fake IDs, the scammers create a sense of urgency and threat, demanding money to resolve the alleged legal issues. Once the funds are transferred, the scammers disappear with the money.

Online part-time job fraud

An online part time job is a wishlist for many, especially for college students. Victims are enticed through WhatsApp and Telegram messages advertising online part-time jobs like liking or subscribing to YouTube videos, writing Google reviews, and providing hotel and travel reviews. The scammers post numerous fake screenshots showing large earnings to lure victims. Initially, victims are paid between Rs 150 and Rs 1000 for completing these tasks.

For a college student from Jayanagar, the prospect of earning some extra cash through an online part-time job seemed like a perfect opportunity. He received messages on WhatsApp offering tasks, with the promise of quick payments. Initially, the victim did receive small amounts of money, which encouraged him to continue. However, as he completed more tasks, the payments stopped, and the group administrators demanded an investment to unlock higher earnings.

Sextortion fraud

Sextortion fraud has become a nightmare for many in the city, with victims often too ashamed to seek help, allowing the criminals to operate with impunity. A 72-year-old doctor fell victim to a sextortion scam, losing Rs 2.3 lakh after engaging in a video call with a fraudster. On July 27, Dr. Ramesh (name changed) received a late-night video call from an unknown woman, who quickly suggested intimate activities. The doctor, enticed by her talk, complied without realising that he was being recorded. Later, a caller posing as a Delhi cybercrime officer threatened to post the recorded footage on social media platforms if he didn't pay. The caller claimed a case had been filed against him. The doctor was contacted by individuals pretending to be from YouTube, demanding Rs 41,500 to remove the content. Believing this was necessary to avoid further exposure, Dr. Ramesh transferred the money. However, the scammers continued to extort him, eventually totaling Rs 2.3 lakh across multiple transactions.

Fake insurance frauds

Fraudsters exploit the perceived security of insurance by posing as representatives from the 'Insurance Verification Department', asking for sensitive information like PAN, bank details, and Aadhaar numbers. They threaten policy cancellations and demand personal details to prevent financial issues. Scammers may falsely claim that not objecting to bonus cancellations will result in unfair fund distribution and pressure victims to surrender their existing policies for purportedly better returns or bonuses. They impersonate LIC or IRDAI officials, fabricating offers and demanding investments. Recently, Bengaluru police arrested Manveer Singh, 38, from Lucknow for defrauding 34 people of Rs 4.5 crore through fake insurance websites.

Matrimonial frauds

Fraudsters create fake profiles using stolen images of luxury cars, villas, and exotic locations to lure victims. They entice targets with promises of valuable gifts and claim to have arrived at major Indian airports like Delhi, Mumbai, or Bengaluru to meet them. In Bengaluru, a notorious matrimonial fraud suspect has been arrested by the Cyber Cell East Division. The accused, who pretended to be a woman and promised marriage to victims, stole ₹8.5 lakh from various bank accounts. He used ATM cards to withdraw the funds before fleeing to Mumbai. During the investigation, authorities seized the ATM cards and mobile phones used for messaging. The suspect had come to India for work.

Similarly Pradeep Kumar is under investigation for allegedly deceiving wealthy divorced women through social media. Posing as a divorcee, Kumar connected with a 40-year-old woman on Facebook, convincing her to marry him and invest in a business venture. After their marriage in 2022, he manipulated her into giving him ₹55 lakh and 200 grams of gold, despite her divorce settlement of ₹80 lakh and half a kilogram of gold. Kumar then vanished, leaving the woman financially devastated.

OLX fraud

A 39-year-old engineer tried to sell a used bed by posting on Olx and lost Rs. 68 lakh to cybercrooks over three days after posting an advertisement online. Scammers on online sale platforms use enticing advertisements to lure victims. They often showcase vehicles without number plates or images of popular items and gadgets. They create a sense of urgency by claiming the items are in high demand and require an advance deposit or booking fee to secure them. They may also request partial payment for delivery and suggest that the vehicle be inspected in person, demanding parking clearance fees upfront.

Fake web Link/OTP fraud

These fraudsters send links mostly through text messages. Now the trend has started in Snapchat and Telegram too where people create non friendly groups and send links. Fraudsters use fake reward promises to trick victims into revealing personal information. They instruct targets to click on suspicious links or provide details, including OTPs. Victims are often directed to install apps like AnyDesk to grant remote access to their devices, or apps like My SMS to retrieve OTPs indirectly. Scammers may change their phone numbers to appear as legitimate customer care numbers on search engines.

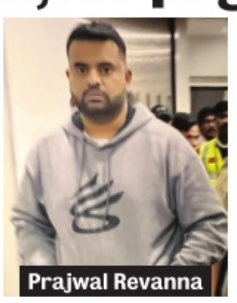
Instant loan app scam

These scams involve instant loan apps that request Aadhaar and other documents from individuals in need. They offer only a small portion of the requested loan amount but charge excessively high fees. Borrowers face relentless harassment and their photos may be distorted and circulated. Tragically, some victims have resorted to suicide due to the pressure.

NCRP Portal and 1930 Helpline

Victims of cyber fraud can track the status of their complaints via the NCRP portal, which provides regular updates through SMS or email. Reporting through the portal or the 1930 helpline is vital for freezing fraudsters' bank accounts and improving the chances of recovering lost funds.

2,144 pages chargesheet filed against Prajwal Revanna



Prajwal Revanna

A Special Investigation Team (SIT) of the Karnataka Police has filed a chargesheet of 2144 pages against former JD(S) MP Prajwal Revanna in the sexual assault and rape case. Revanna is facing a probe by the SIT over allegations of sexual harassment and criminal intimidation following a complaint by a woman who worked as a domestic help at his house.

In June this year, the Special Investigation Team (SIT) of the Karnataka Police, which is investigating cases of sexual assault and harassment against Prajwal Revanna, registered a fourth case against the former Janata Dal (Secular) MP from Hassan.

Unlike the three previous cases registered against Prajwal Revanna which invoked the Indian Penal Code (IPC)'s section for sexual assault, the fourth case has been registered under sections for sexual harassment, stalking, and criminal intimidation of a victim as well as clandestinely recording and sharing images of the victim.

Prajwal Revanna returned to India from Germany nearly a month after leaving the country, supposedly on the night of April 26, after several obscene videos allegedly involving him surfaced on social media platforms. He was arrested on May 31 upon arrival at Bengaluru airport.. — ANI

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Nandini Layout

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Blocked drain

Ramachandrapuram

The footpath on 2nd Main Road in Ramachandrapuram, Ward 96, has been submerged in water for three years due to a mud-filled, blocked drain.

Road woes

Halasuru

The road from Halasuru Gate to Mysore Bank Junction via Cubbonpet Cross has been dug up, despite being white-topped just a few years ago. The monsoon season is turning the road muddy, causing inconvenience.

BBMP tightens leash on rabies

56 rabies-positive cases among strays till Aug 2024 down from 100 in 2023; new five-in-one vaccine drive is set to begin

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A Bengaluru has seen a decrease in rabies-positive stray dog cases, averaging seven per month in the first eight months of 2024. Data from the Animal Husbandry Department of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) reveals that 56 strays tested rabies-positive between January and August 2024. This is a significant drop compared to 2023 and 2022, which saw 100 and 120 cases annually, respectively.

The department has noted a decrease in calls to its Rabies Helpline, with 217 cases in 2022, 170 in 2023, and 98 so far this year.

"We are vaccinating street dogs regularly under our Animal Birth Control (ABC)/Anti-Rabies Vaccine(ARV) program across all eight zones in the city. The number of cases has dropped as the program has gone on without any interruption over the last couple of years. Every zone has one dedicated vehicle to carry out rabies vaccination and the progress is being tracked through the Wildlife Verification System (WVS) data mobile application," said Dr Ravi Kumar, Joint Director of the Animal Husbandry Department, BBMP.

"We are vaccinating street dogs regularly under our ABC/ARV program across all eight zones in the city

–Dr Ravi K, Joint director

Officials say the aim is to bring down this number to zero soon.

"We are looking at bringing down the number of street dogs with rabies to zero. By 2030, we have to declare the country rabies-free; BBMP is working in that direction. We will soon have all stray dogs vaccinated and Bengaluru will be rabies-free," added Dr Kumar.

Animal welfare workers suggest the number of rabies-positive strays can be brought down further through small tweaks in BBMP's vaccination process.

"Currently, the program is being carried out across eight zones with five service providers. The department should create micro-zones and bring in more agencies to participate in its ABC/ARV Program. However, this would require better support from the Animal Welfare Board of India, which has been slow in issuing permission to animal welfare organisations so far. Seamless coordination between BBMP and the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) will help achieve this goal faster," said Harini Raghavan of Citizens for Animal Birth Control.

5-in-1 vaccine drive to begin soon

BBMP is all set to initiate its five-in-one vaccine program soon. Officials informed BM that the department is ready with documents and the tender will be floated on Monday.

"We are floating the tender for the 5-in-1 vaccine program on August 26. The work order is expected to be issued in a month," informed Dr Kumar.

The combo vaccine will protect against five deadly canine viruses, including Canine distemper, adenovirus, parainfluenza, leptospirosis, and canine parvovirus. An anti-rabies vaccine will also be provided over and above the combined vaccine.

Reckless road stunt

A young couple's dangerous joyride on Reva College Campus Road, within Yelahanka Traffic Police jurisdiction, has gone viral on social media, sparking concerns about road safety. The incident, captured by a rear rider's mobile phone, shows a young woman sitting dangerously on the bike's petrol tank while her companion rode the vehicle.

The video quickly spread online, drawing comparisons to a similar incident on the Hebbal flyover a few months ago, where a young man was arrested by Hebbal traffic police for a similar stunt. Officials are investigating the latest incident and have warned of strict action against those violating traffic laws. The Yelahanka Traffic Police Station has urged the public to avoid such dangerous behaviour, which not only endangers lives but also violates traffic regulations. —BMB

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The sun breaking out from behind the hills at Gopinatham

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Jakkur choked up by traffic congestions

Bengaluru Traffic Police have been criticised for reactive, rather than proactive approach to managing traffic

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The traffic situation around Jakkur Raithara Santhe has become increasingly problematic, with residents complaining of inadequate management causing significant daily disruptions for commuters. A resident said, "The primary issue stems from the chaotic parking of vendors who visit the market, leading to severe congestion. This disorganisation is exacerbated during peak hours, particularly for school and office-goers. The presence of multiple schools in the vicinity, including HDFC and Winmore, further intensifies the traffic bottlenecks. The Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) have been criticised for their reactive rather than proactive approach to managing the traffic flow in the area."

Sunetra D, a resident, said, "The situation calls for immediate intervention to alleviate the daily struggles faced by commuters near Byatarayanapura signal. One proposed solution involves the reconfiguration of traffic signals and routes to improve flow and reduce congestion. A specific suggestion has been made to introduce a U-turn between the Bytarayanapura signal and the Jakkur Aerodrome signal. This addition is expected to facilitate smoother transitions and reduce the pressure on the existing traffic signals. Additionally, there is a recommendation to remove the barricade between Gandhi Krishi Vigyana Kendra (GKVK) and Mall of Asia. Opening this barricade would potentially ease congestion at the Byatarayanapura signal, providing a more direct route and reducing the overall traffic load. The proposed changes aim to address these traffic management issues by improving accessibility and reducing the strain on congested routes. By implementing these adjustments, it is hoped that the traffic conditions will improve, offering a more manageable commute ."

Traffic situation around Jakkur Raithara Santhe has become problematic due to inadequate management

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> – Sunetra D, resident

DID YOU KNOW?

A social psychologist claims that centuries of physics research has produced no proof of ghosts or the possibility of any aspect of a person living on after death. However, some engineers and scientists have discovered things like electromagnetic fields, which can interfere with people's brain processes and induce hallucinations, which may help to explain why some people believe they see ghosts. Specific frequencies cause the human eyeball to gently vibrate causing optical illusions. Some claim that experiences like peridolia, hallucinations, and sleep paralysis are what cause ghosts. Ghosts behave like matter—something that occupies space and has mass, such as wood, water, plants, and people—when they shine, move items, and produce sounds. On the other hand, they shouldn't behave like matter when they disappear or travel through barriers. However, nothing like this has been discovered in generations of physics investigation.

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Let's see how much you know about Namma Bengaluru, folks. Tell us something incredible and mind-boggling about this beautiful city and our editors and researchers will check it out. If it's credible, we'll give it a shout-out, with your name and picture.

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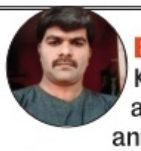
Tell us about a cultural event or festival in Bengaluru that you always look forward to attending

Ranjitha, BM Reader
The Lalbagh flower show is one thing that I always love attending. As soon as I enter, I see a lot of colourful flowers, air filled with varied fragrances. The show had flower-made models of famous places in the city.

Shambulinga M, BM Reader
I like visiting Pustaka Mela and it feels like stepping into a world of books. There are books on various topics, from science to music, and even personality development. It was amazing to see so many people, all excited about reading.



Basavaraju V, BM Reader
Kadalekai Parishe, also known as the Groundnut Festival, is an annual event in the city. During the festival, statues are made from groundnuts as a form of worship to the gods. The festivities last all night, and the next day.

Chethan Kumar, BM Reader
The city transforms into a dreamland during Diwali. Buildings are adorned with colourful lights and lamps, creating a magical atmosphere. This festival of lights always leaves me with unforgettable memories.

Manju MS, BM Reader
The Bengaluru Habba is a vibrant cultural festival that brings together a variety of art forms. It's a celebration of music, dance, and art. The festival features performances by talented artists from different genres.

Sathish K, BM Reader
Mahime is a grand event that takes place every year at Thattaguppe. It's a full-night drama performed on a massive open stage. It's a significant cultural event that brings together a large community to celebrate and observe Lent.

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Rising cases of meningitis among children in city

Many cases go undiagnosed as symptoms are similar to that of common cold

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School children ride bicycles on the road during heavy rain

With the onset of monsoons, doctors across the city are seeing a surge in cases of viral meningitis in children, particularly among school goers and adolescents. Children are being brought to hospitals with symptoms of fever, cold, headache, body ache, and fatigue. Some children come with more severe signs, such as a stiff neck, sensitivity to light, vomiting, confusion, seizures, and an altered mental state. "Young children with these symptoms cry constantly and refuse to feed," said a senior paediatrician.

While children with fever can usually wait for 24 hours, immediate medical attention is necessary if the fever exceeds 103 degrees. Children under three months old should be taken to a doctor if they develop a fever. Additionally, a child who is vomiting or experiencing loose stools more than six times a day may need rehydration and a doctor's examination. If children exhibit symptoms such as difficulty breathing, severe abdominal pain, a stiff neck, rashes, unusual lethargy, refusal to feed, or seizures; it is important to seek medical attention promptly.

Most individuals diagnosed with the disease may not require hospitalisation, as treatment generally focuses on managing symptoms while the body naturally combats the viral infection. "Many cases are not diagnosed because they mimic common cold symptoms. When diagnosed, I typically recommend rest, fluids, and over-the-counter pain relievers. In more severe cases, hospitalisation for supportive care might be required," the paediatrician explained. Most patients admitted to the hospital are discharged within four or five days.

Besides meningitis, doctors are also admitting patients with bronchitis and viral pneumonia. "We see an increase in viral respiratory ailments too. There is a surge in Influenza A and Covid-19 cases because children sit close to each other in school, share meals, and spend long hours in a confined environment. In some cases, children may require nebulisation or admission for pneumonia treatment," said another senior paediatrician. Doctors also advise parents to bring their children if symptoms, including fever, do not subside within 48 hours despite treatment. Similar to the pandemic period, children should be encouraged to wash their hands frequently to prevent the spread of germs. "They must be taught to cover their mouth when coughing or sneezing. Those with fever and fatigue should avoid going to school," the paediatrician specified.

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Robotic Technology - will make Life Easy

Dr. Raghu Nagaraj.

As science and technology advance, artificial intelligence and robotic technology are also being integrated into the healthcare sector. This integration is leading to improvements in disease detection, treatment methods, and recovery times for patients. Would you believe that a patient can walk on the day of surgery and even be discharged to go home? You should, says Dr. Raghu Nagaraj.

Kauvery Hospital in Marathahalli, Bengaluru, has adopted Robotic Technology 2.0 for orthopaedic treatments. According to Dr. Raghu Nagaraj, the hospital's director and an orthopaedic specialist, this technology makes all of this possible.

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Especially for conditions like joint pain, sports injuries, fractures, heel pain, shoulder problems, and many other types of bone treatments, robotic technology offers effective solutions. If the problem is minor, it can be treated with medication or injections. For more severe issues, surgery is performed, and even the stage of the problem is detected using robotic technology.

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Robotic System:

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Robotic Technology 2.0 is the solution for age-related joint pain, fractures, and joint issues caused by sports, accidents, and other factors in younger individuals. It allows patients to recover to the point where they can walk comfortably on the same day of treatment.

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- Chandrakala, Hassan, patient

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- Rachita, Bengaluru

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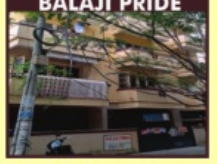

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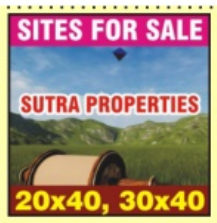

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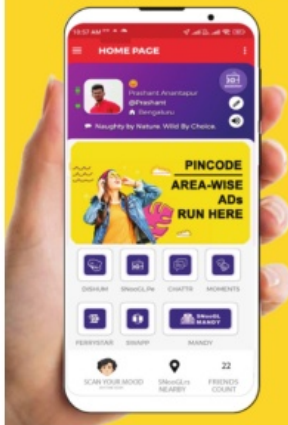

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'It is a tragedy that educated people are increasingly becoming casteist'

Warning that inequality will increase as society is being divided in the name of religion and caste, Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Saturday said it is a tragedy that educated people are increasingly becoming casteist.

The Chief Minister was speaking after inaugurating an international symposium "Mahatma Gandhi for the 21st Century" organised at Gandhi Bhavan to commemorate the 75th year of the Gandhi Memorial Fund.

"Due to the caste system, many people were deprived of education, leading to increased inequality. It is a tragedy that educated people are increasingly becoming casteist," Siddaramaiah said.

He alleged that "the nurturers of caste inequality killed Mahatma Gandhi."

"Gandhi's ideas and guidance given to society are not limited to the 20th century, they remain relevant even today. Gandhiji celebrated peace, truth, justice, and brotherhood throughout his life. He believed that if the whole world adopts the quality of loving each other, the whole society can be at ease," the CM was quoted as saying by his office in a release.

Pointing out that Gandhi believed that nature fulfills our needs but not our greed, Siddaramaiah said as he attributed human "greed" as the reason for environmental disasters happening in Kerala's Wayanad and other parts of the state.

Noting that many educated people follow superstition and "Karma Siddhanta" due to lack of proper scientific education, he said, 850 years ago Basavanna (12th century spiritual leader and also a social reformer) and his followers outrightly rejected the theory of "Karma" (fate).

The CM lamented that today's educated people still believe in the theory of "Karma". **PTI**

Open to all Gandhi organisations

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Nehru, BR Ambedkar, Sardar Patel, and other notable figures such as Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. Furthermore, the digital library contains 129 audio recordings of Mahatma Gandhi's speeches on All India Radio, with works available in 12 different languages.

The digital repository is accessible through Gandhi Bhavan's existing online platform, which already offers 1,272 public domain works at archive.org. This expanded collection will greatly benefit Gandhi organisations, allowing them to access a broader range of materials for non-commercial purposes as permitted by the Copyright Act of India. These uses include educational purposes, research, and access by individuals with visual impairments.

Several Gandhi organisations from across India will receive the digitised collection, including the Andhra Gandhi Smaraka Nidhi (Vijayawada), Gandhi Museum (Madurai), and the National Gandhi Museum (New Delhi). Additional copies will be sent to other organisations both in India and abroad.

Looking ahead, the collaboration between the Karnataka Gandhi Smaraka Nidhi and Servants of Knowledge will continue, with plans to expand the digital library further. All Gandhi organisations are invited to digitise their resources at the dedicated scan centre in Gandhi Bhavan, which boasts a capacity to digitise 1.5 million pages per month.

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Water tariff hike may take some time

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar mentioned a potential water tariff hike, but sources suggest it may be delayed. The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) is expected to submit a proposal for the tariff revision next month. The state government will decide on the proposal in early September, as water tariffs haven't been revised in 10 years. Shivakumar has started the process and directed BWSSB officials to draft a comprehensive proposal for the tariff revision.

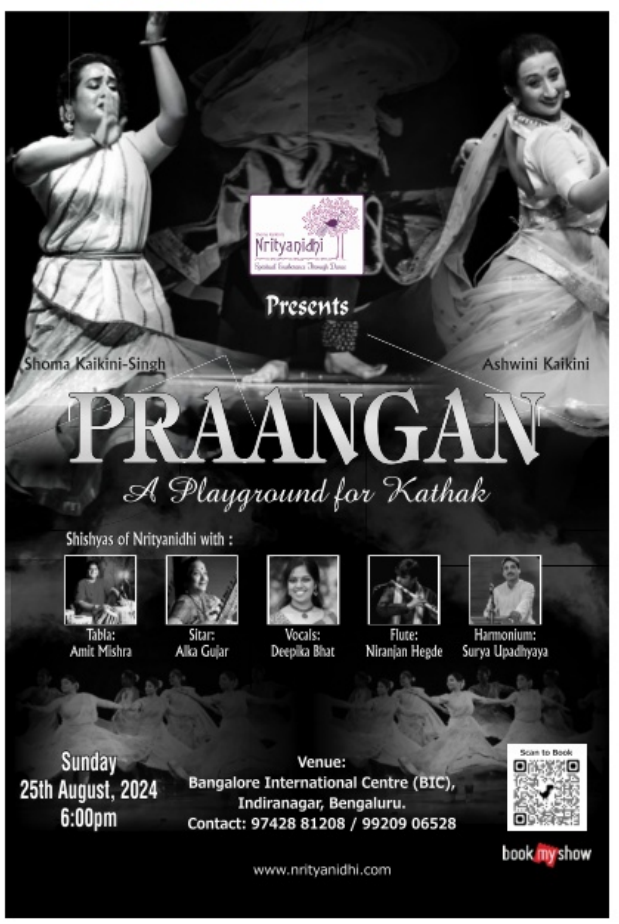
In this context, BWSSB officials have planned to hold a meeting with board members and the public in the last week of August to finalise and submit the proposal. The discussions will include considerations such as the increase in electricity rates, the cost of machinery, and staff expenses over the past decade.

The objective is to ensure that the water tariff revision aligns with the necessity of providing a sustainable water supply to the city. A senior BWSSB official said, "We have not yet determined a specific percentage for the tariff revision. The proposal will be carefully formulated, taking into account all relevant factors, to meet the city's growing water supply needs."

However, sources said that the proposed tariff revision for water consumption may be as follows. For the first 8,000 litres of water consumption, the current tariff remains unchanged, with no increase anticipated.

For usage between 8,001 and 25,000 litres, the existing rate of ₹11 per thousand litres is set to rise to ₹25. Similarly, for water consumption ranging from 25,001 to 50,000 litres, the rate will increase from ₹26 to ₹30 per thousand litres.

These adjustments reflect a structured approach to revising water tariffs to account for various usage levels."



All you need to know about...

Poor sleep effects

Cholesterol spike
People who sleep poorly are likely to experience greater levels of fatty triglycerides -- a type of blood cholesterol -- and abdominal fat that can increase the risk of stroke, heart disease, and other health issues, according to research.

Good sleep habits
The study, led by Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) in the US, finds that maintaining sleep hygiene, such as putting your screen away at night or going to bed when you're exhausted, can make a person healthier.
The study builds support for the importance of good sleep habits. Good sleep habits, such as putting your screen away at night or going to bed when you're tired, can help to promote good overall health, said Brooke Shafer, OHSU School of Nursing.
The findings were published in The Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism.

Melatonin
Thirty persons were recruited for the study, with an equal number of males and women. With a body mass index (BMI) of more than 25, each of them was classified as overweight.
Each participant's time difference between the onset of melatonin -- a hormone that the brain produces in response to darkness -- and average sleep timing was measured by the researchers.
They then divided the participants into two groups: those who slept longer between melatonin onset and sleep, and those who slept shorter.
Men who slept poorly had greater blood levels of fatty triglycerides and abdominal fat, as well as higher overall scores for metabolic syndrome compared to the individuals who had better sleep.
Lack of sleep in women led to greater resting heart rates, glucose levels, and overall body fat percentages, the researchers said. —IANS

FEASTING & FASTING

Celebrate Janmasthami with these special dishes

COCONUT LADDU (FOR AROUND 1 KG)

INGREDIENTS
- Desiccated Coconut: 500 grams
- Milk maid: 400 grams (about 1 tin)
- Sugar: 100 grams (adjust to taste, optional)
- Ghee (Clarified Butter): 2 tablespoons (approx. 30 grams)
- Cardamom Powder: 1 teaspoon
- Chopped Nuts (Cashews, Almonds, Pistachios): 50 grams (optional)

METHOD
- Heat the Pan: Add 2 tablespoons of ghee to a non-stick pan and heat on a low flame.
- Add Desiccated Coconut: Add 500 grams of desiccated coconut to the pan and lightly roast for about 2-3 minutes until the raw smell disappears, but the color remains white.
- Mix Condensed Milk: Pour in 400 grams of milk maid and mix it thoroughly with the roasted coconut. Stir continuously on medium heat for about 5-7 minutes until the mixture thickens.
- Add Sugar: If you'd like it sweeter, add 100 grams of sugar. Stir well until the sugar is dissolved and fully incorporated. Keep cooking for another 3-4 minutes.
- Flavor with Cardamom: Add 1 teaspoon of cardamom powder and mix well.
- Incorporate Nuts: If you like, you can add 50 grams of chopped nuts into the mixture for extra crunch.
- Cool the Mixture: Once the mixture is thick and leaves the sides of the pan, remove it from heat and let it cool slightly (just enough to handle).
- Shape the Laddus: Grease your hands with a little ghee and shape the mixture into round balls of your desired size.
- Garnish (Optional): You can roll the laddus in more desiccated coconut or garnish with more chopped nuts.
- Serve: Let the laddus cool completely and serve. You can store them in an airtight container for up to a week.

SABUDANA THALIPEETH (MAHARASHTRIAN SAGO PANCAKES)

INGREDIENTS
- Sabudana (Sago/Tapioca Pearls): 60 grams
- Boiled Potatoes: 50 grams (1 small potato, boiled and mashed)
- Peanuts (roasted and coarsely ground): 20 grams
- Green Chili: 1 (finely chopped, optional)
- Cumin Seeds: ¼ teaspoon (about 1 gram)
- Salt: ½ teaspoon (adjust to taste)
- Coriander Leaves: 5 grams (a small handful, finely chopped)
- Ghee or Oil: 1 tablespoon (about 15 grams)
- Water: As needed for soaking sabudana

METHOD
- Soak the Sabudana: Rinse 60 grams of sabudana under running water a few times until the water runs clear.
- Soak it in enough water just to cover the sabudana for about 4-6 hours or overnight. The pearls should absorb the water and become soft. Drain any excess water if needed.
- Prepare the Mixture: In a mixing bowl, combine soaked sabudana, 50 grams of boiled and mashed potatoes, 20 grams of ground peanuts, 1 finely chopped green chili, ¼ teaspoon cumin seeds, 5 grams of chopped coriander leaves, and salt to taste.
- Form the Thalipeeth: Mix everything well to form a soft dough. If it feels too sticky, you can add a bit of ground peanut powder for binding.
- Take a portion of the mixture and shape it into a small ball. Flatten it between your palms to form a small patty, about 1 cm thick.
- Cook the Thalipeeth: Heat a non-stick pan or Tawa and grease it lightly with 1 tablespoon of ghee or oil.
- Place the flattened thalipeeth on the pan and cook on low to medium heat for 3-4 minutes on each side, until golden brown and crispy.
- Serve: Once cooked, remove from the pan and serve hot with curd, green chutney, or a side of your choice.

SINGHARA ATTA HALWA (WATER CHESTNUT FLOUR HALWA)

INGREDIENTS
- Singhara Atta (Water Chestnut Flour): 100 grams
- Ghee (Clarified Butter): 50 grams
- Sugar: 80 grams (adjust to taste)
- Water: 300 ml
- Cardamom Powder: ½ teaspoon
- Chopped Nuts (Almonds, Cashews, Pistachios): 15 grams (optional, for garnish)

METHOD
- Heat Ghee: In a heavy-bottomed pan, heat 50 grams of ghee on medium flame.
- Roast Singhara Atta: Add 100 grams of Singhara Atta to the pan. Stir continuously and roast the flour in the ghee for about 7-10 minutes, or until it turns golden brown and you get a nice aroma.
- Prepare Sugar Syrup: In a separate pan, bring 300 ml of water to a boil and dissolve 80 grams of sugar in it. Stir until fully dissolved. Turn off the heat.
- Combine the Mixtures: Gradually add the sugar syrup to the roasted flour mixture, stirring continuously to avoid lumps.
- Cook the Halwa: Keep stirring and cooking the mixture on low heat until it thickens and starts leaving the sides of the pan.
- Add Cardamom and Garnish: Stir in ½ teaspoon of cardamom powder for flavor.
- You can also add 15 grams of chopped nuts at this stage or reserve them for garnish.
- Serve: Once the halwa is smooth and glossy, turn off the heat. Garnish with more chopped nuts if desired and serve hot.

Suresh Babu, Executive Chef, Clarks Exotica Convention Resort and Spa

 # Film scenes leaked: Actor speaks up
Actor Ruhani Sharma on Saturday said she is disappointed that her film 'Agra' leaked online and people are judging her for her intimate scenes in the Kanu Behl-directed movie

Berry wedding mode

After surprising fans with her visit to India, Desi girl Priyanka Chopra appeared in a stunning saree as she attended a wedding celebration for her brother, Siddharth Chopra.

Inside pictures of the bash on Friday featuring Priyanka with relatives and her mother Madhu Chopra are going viral.

For the occasion, Priyanka opted for a vibrant magenta stylish saree.

Complementing her outfit, she wore a layered pearl choker necklace and matching pearl earrings. She kept her hair in a neat bun style.

One of Priyanka's family friends shared some "warm and intimate" wedding festivities pictures.

In the viral videos and pictures, Priyanka is seen giving a speech at the function.

Her mother complimented her in a lilac saree.

Neelam Upadhyaya and Siddharth looked stunning in western ensembles.

The global star landed early Friday morning, and her arrival was met with enthusiastic waves and flashing cameras.

Priyanka, who had just wrapped up filming for her upcoming movie 'The Bluff', was spotted at the Mumbai airport in a stylish yet casual outfit.

Recently, Priyanka was also present when Siddharth got engaged to Neelam Upadhyaya.

Priyanka was accompanied by her husband Nick Jonas.

—ANI

To a lifetime

Actress Sonakshi Sinha had the sweetest message for Zaheer Iqbal on their two-months anniversary.

Taking to Instagram stories, Zaheer shared a video of the two walking the streets of New York. The two are seen walking hand-in-hand, when Sonakshi notices her husband recording her, the two burst out in laughter.

"2 months anniversary today, only a lifetime more of you annoying me all day everyday... Yay!" Sonakshi wrote as the caption.

The actress recently shared a sneak-peek from her holiday in New York with Zaheer, whom she referred to as her "heart and home."

Sonakshi took to Instagram, where she posted a handful of romantic pictures featuring her and Zaheer and captioned it: "Home is where the heart is... and wherever in the world... my heart is with my home - @iamzahero." Earlier this week, the actress took to her Instagram stories, where she shared a picture of a dessert which had "I love you more than ice cream" written on it.

"Everyone needs a cutie like you to laugh with, cuddle upto, and make really bad decisions with. We're like a tiny (but mighty) little gang. If you haven't noticed already, I think you're pretty cool. Honey, honestly, you complete me xo," the description read.

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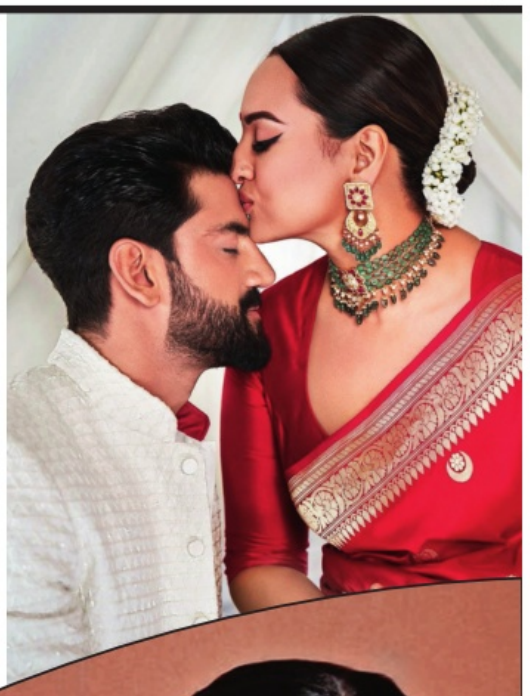

After the split

After a turbulent past few weeks, actress-singer Jennifer Lopez is back on social media as the news surrounding her filing for divorce from Ben Affleck continue to gain momentum.

The actress, 55, took to her Instagram, and reposted a selfie image from a fan page to her Instagram Stories, and it had a festive twist, reports 'People' magazine. In the picture, JLo is seen posing for a sultry selfie rocking voluminous blonde hair and a comfy blush two-piece. But the large Christmas tree in the background — with gift boxes and florals — also deserves an honourable mention, along with a clothing wardrobe rack.

As per 'People', the selfie appears to be from a December 2020 glam session. In a similar photo from a different angle, celebrity hairstylist Chris Appleton described the look as "Deluxe Glam Barbie". The photo marks the first time JLo has posted on social media since filing to end her and Affleck's two-year marriage on Tuesday, August 20.

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DREAM BIOPIC

Rasika Dugal wants to play Meena Kumari on screen

After expressing her desire to portray poet and novelist Amrita Pritam in a film, actress Rasika Dugal said that she would also want to bring late star Meena Kumari's life on screen.

Talking about starring in a yesteryear star's biopic, Rasika told IANS: "I have played a central part in a biopic because it is an interesting space. How do you play somebody, who everybody already knows a lot about and has an impression of. I have always wanted to play Amrita Pritam. To be Amrita Pritam in a biopic about her."

She added that it has been one long standing desire. "I am hoping someone reaches and casts me. But if it was an actress then I think it would be Meena Kumari," said the actress, who was honoured with the Diversity Champion award at the 15th edition of the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne.

Talking about getting feted with the Diversity Champion award, she said: "As actors we need some very difficult choices in our careers, and one is always second-guessing one's choices because of a lack of precedence or a standard because every actor's journey is so unique so there are no set landmarks or benchmarks to hit, so you are always wondering if you have made the correct choice or not.

"And I guess an award like a diversity champion suggests to me that they are honouring the choices I have made in my career so far. That's very nice to have, and that kind of validation is very encouraging."

What is more important for her Box-office numbers or winning awards? "Neither because these are things that are not in my control. I can only sort of worry about work towards something, which I have some sort of control over. How a piece of work is doing at the box-office or how well it is viewed... Something which is so outside of my control I can't do anything about it except just do myself as an actor," she said.

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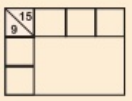
SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

$5^{5^{5^0}} = ?$

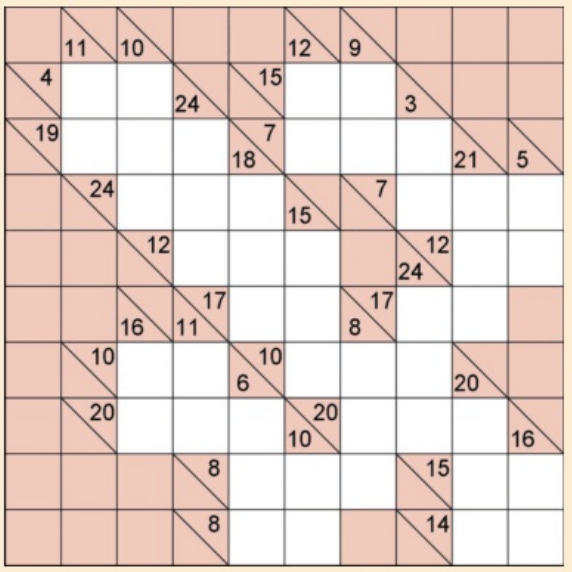
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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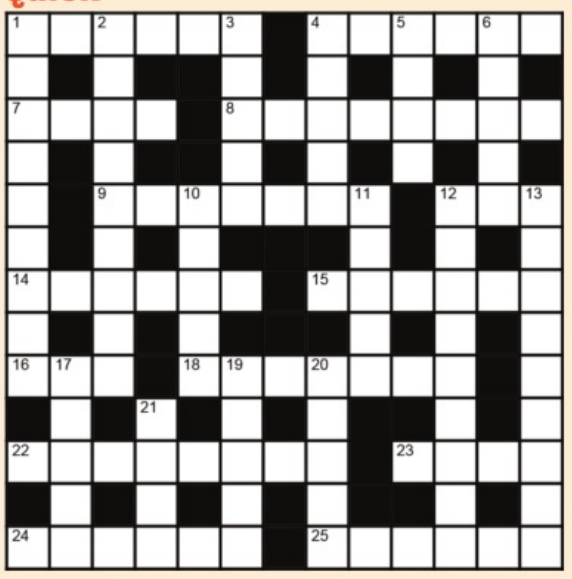


ACROSS

1 A flowing outer garment of the Japanese ladies (6)
4 Respiration disorder (6)
7 Italian city (4)
8 Flaunts (5,3)
9 Making as a profit after deductions (7)
12 Torso bone (3)
14 Responsible (6)
15 Package (6)
16 Unfriendly (3)
18 Karl Marx's Das ___ (7)
22 Fractional part of logarithm (8)
23 Reminder note (4)
24 The dark continent (6)
25 Declares (6)

DOWN

1 Restaurant at the Taj Gateway hotel known for its seafood (9)
2 Fleeting (9)
3 Start (5)
4 Oak-tree fruit (5)
5 Ivory source? (4)
6 Civilian clothes (5)
10 Lokmanya ____ : famous patriot? (5)
11 Hard work (5)
12 Recall to memory (9)
13 Where dances are held? (9)
17 Husks of grain (5)
19 Between ports (2,3)
20 Mosque leaders? (5)
21 A pocket case for pins and needles (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Z EQUALS Y

SPXB ZLH'WX ZLHBF, VWZ VL YX WXRAGKVGU; RK ZLH FXV LAJXW, YXULCX GJXRAGKVGU. ZLH'AA AGNX ALBFXW.

Linemaro

If we were atoms, I would bond with you

Mindchow

May be it's not about the happy ending; may be it's about the story

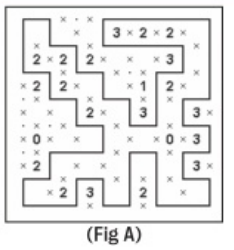
Joke of the day

Jim: How did it end the fight with your wife? Dick: She came crawling to me. Jim: And what did she say? Dick: Get out from under the bed!

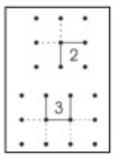
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

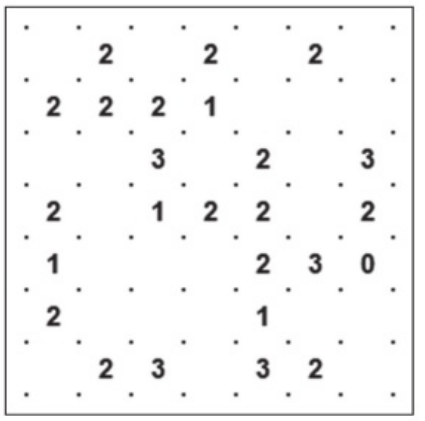


(Fig B) Not Allowed

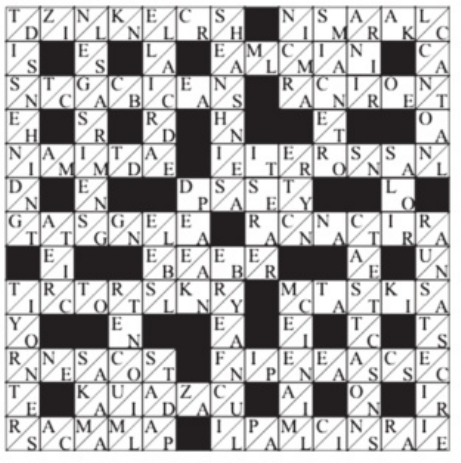
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



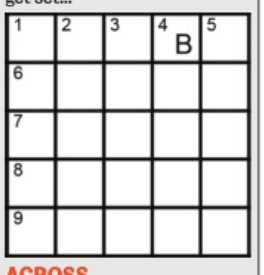
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Sir BC; 6 U veer; 7 I peon; 8 K crew; 9 Sod do

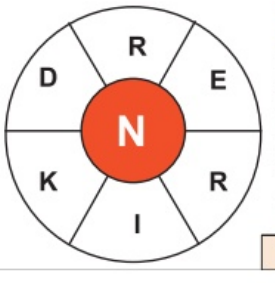
DOWN

1 C word; 2 Roper; 3 Id I've; 4 No cub; 5 K sees

Mensapuzzle

Solve this dingbat:

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

07 Average; 08 Good; 10 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	8	3				4	1	
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		2	3		7	1		
			2		9			
		6	4		8	5		
8	5			2			3	4
	7						9	
	3	9				8	5	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 6

1 7 9 9

Medium = 12

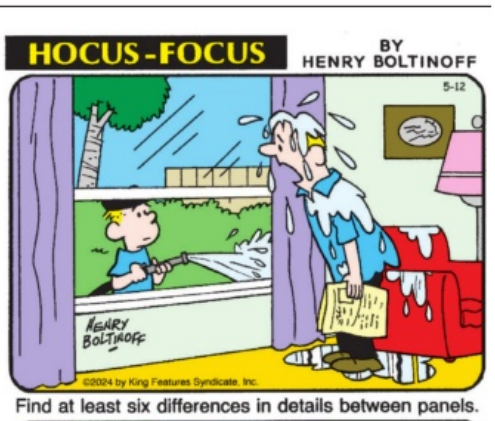
3 5 6 8

Hard = 9

4 7 7 5

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

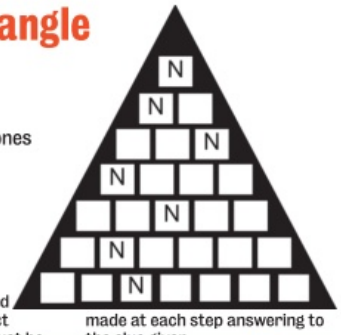
Differences: 1. Fence is longer. 2. Shirt is different. 3. Chair cushion is thicker. 4. Nozzle is longer. 5. Back of chair is higher. 6. Tree is moved.

Riddler

You are given four words and four definitions. Each of the words can be anagrammed into a two word phrase that fits one of the definitions. Your task is to assign each definition to its corresponding word. Example–cobalt: to hit a feline in a high arc (cat lob). Words: badger, lawbreaker, sarcasm, speculation; Definitions: a church service for automobiles; a crimson pouch; a domesticated animal with an aversion to close association with other animals; a person who hikes in the nude

Alpha triangle

1 One of the poles
2 'Certainly not!'
3 Male child
4 Overly curious
5 One of the Corleones
6 Aggravates
7 Ravines



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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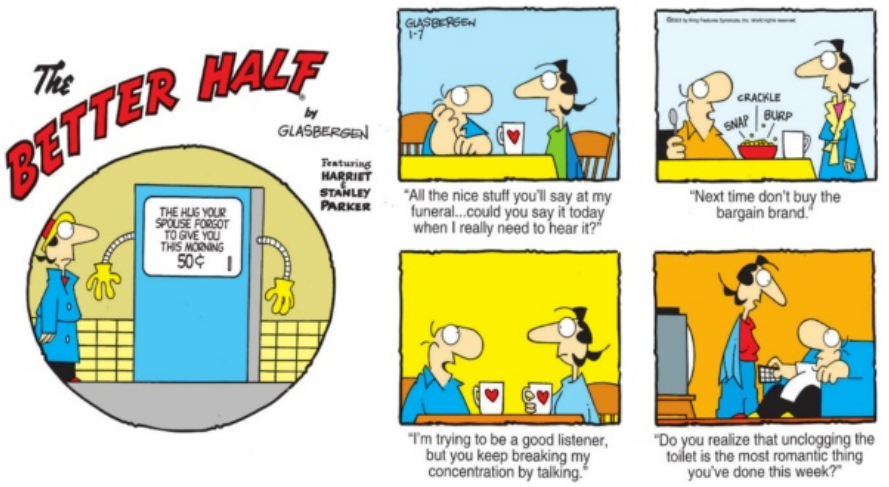
The BETTER HALF
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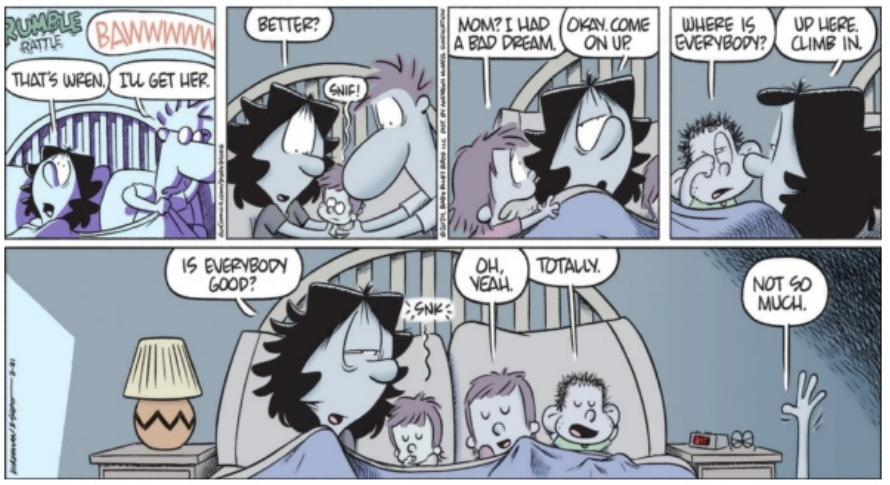
Featuring HARRIET & STANLEY PARKER
THE HUG YOUR SPOUSE FORGOT TO GIVE YOU THIS MORNING 50¢
GLASBERGEN 1-7
"All the nice stuff you'll say at my funeral...could you say it today when I really need to hear it?"
CRACKLE
SNAP
BURP
"Next time don't buy the bargain brand."
"I'm trying to be a good listener, but you keep breaking my concentration by talking."
"Do you realize that unclogging the toilet is the most romantic thing you've done this week?"



OH, AURA... HOW COULD ANYONE HAVE SURVIVED THAT CREATURE?
DALE, STOP! DR. ZARKOV IS HERE. HE'LL FIND A WAY TO SAVE FLASH!
DALE! AURA!
DR. ZARKOV HAS FOUND A WAY TO PENETRATE THE MIRROR'S SURFACE!
FLASH GORDON
SAFELY BEHIND A PROTECTIVE SCREEN, DR. ZARKOV PROBES THE MYSTICAL MIRROR IN SEARCH OF FLASH!
I DON'T READ ANY TRACES OF OXYGEN!
I... I CAN SEE THE CREATURE! IT APPEARS DORMANT FOR THE MOMENT. WAIT, SOMETHING ELSE...
...NO... IT CAN'T BE!
MEANWHILE, IN A DISTANT CASTLE...
IT'S A SHAME YOU HAVE TO DIE, EARTHLING. YOU FIGHT VALIANTLY!
SO, WHAT'S TO BECOME OF ME?
SACRIFICED TO THE CREATURE IN THE MIRROR! BUT THERE IS A WAY TO DEFEND YOURSELF.
QUICKLY, BEFORE ANOTHER GUARD COMES, TAKE THIS AMULET!
IT'LL PROTECT YOU AGAINST THE CREATURE!
JIM KEEFE 9-18
DOES HE HAVE THE AMULET?
YES. VAIN FOOL. IT'LL SUMMON THE CREATURE RIGHT TO HIM!
NEXT: THE SACRIFICE!

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you might excel in your job. Your colleagues may cooperate with you and you may be able to complete your postponed projects on time. You may lend money for investment purposes. Job seekers may get new jobs. Positive news for the natives affected by old health issues.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, the situation may be okay. People around you may now respond to you, but you are advised not to take life as a burden. You should try to sustain yourself in unavoidable situations. You may face some difficulties in easy gains. Somehow blessings from elders may help you to come out of this situation. Your confusion in choosing targets may now be finished.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, tasks may be incomplete. You may be a victim of mood swings, your patience may be tested many times, and silly mistakes make you confused. Love birds find themselves to be confused in terms of feelings. More expectations may affect your emotional attachment to your spouse. You are advised to take care of your parents. Students may lose their concentration.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you will be glad. You will be able to maintain a balance between your earnings and expenditure, which will boost your finances. Your network will help you to implement your plans. Your siblings and subordinate staff will be more helpful today. You may plan to visit elders or religious places.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, your energy levels will be high. You will be optimistic about fulfilling your desires with the help of hard work. You will plan to go on outings with friends and family to share your happiness. Students will receive good news in terms of study.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today until late afternoon your day is not good. You may feel unhappy and become nervous, but from noon onwards, you will be happy, and internal vitality will boost your self-confidence. You should avoid carelessness in making decisions in terms of finance, profession and studies. Sometimes, you may face self-respect issues with your spouse, you need to keep patience to avoid conflict. Love birds will plan for short trips.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today your tendency to overspend will affect your savings. You should be careful while expressing yourself on the work and domestic front. You should avoid lending money. You should postpone making important decisions in real estate and other asset issues. You should avoid the tendency to neglect your responsibilities.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may have peace of mind. You may plan to invest capital in the business, which may increase liquidity in your business. Your earnings may boost your financial health. You may enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, which may enhance harmony in the family life. Singles may likely find a suitable match. Love birds may decide to get married. Students will be blessed by good karma.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you may be very happy, your losses may convert into profits. Your seniors may be happy and appreciate your work. You may likely have some changes in your place, position or responsibilities at work, in terms of promotions. Your opponents and hidden enemies may be under control now. Singles and love birds may make important decisions in terms of marriage with the help of relatives or friends.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you are blessed by the moon, which may make you happy. Last week's crunch is now over. With the help of a blessing, you may get a reciprocation of your hard work. With the help of your subordinates, you may be able to initiate your postponed work. There are gains in your business which may boost your finances.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may feel dull. You may have some health issues. You are advised to postpone making investments in the business. It is also advised not to start new ventures. You are likely to face losses in the business. Your gains may likely convert into losses.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may get some business orders which may be profitable soon. You may implement new ideas in your work front. New partnerships may come into the ground. You may be busy with your work, it may make you mentally tired. It may affect your domestic life.

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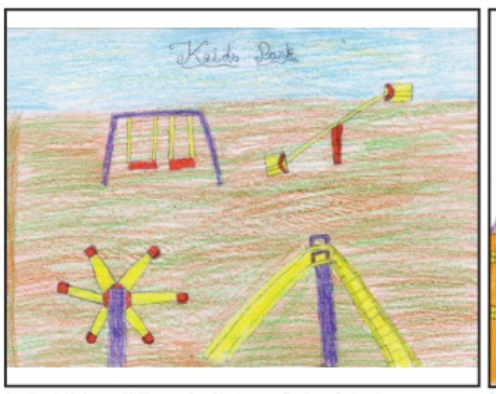

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
5÷¹1
5÷²
3125

BULL'S EYE
dine, diner, drink, DRINKER, inked, kind, rein, rend, rind, rink

STRIKE OUT

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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
RIDDLER badger: a crimson pouch (red bag), lawbreaker: a person who hikes in the nude (bare walker), sarcasm: a speculation: a automobiles (car mass) & a church service for domesticated animal with an aversion to close association with other animals (unsocial pet)

SUDOKU

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8	5	1	9	2	6	7	3	4
6	7	4	8	3	5	2	9	1
2	3	9	7	4	1	8	5	6

ALPHA TRIANGLE
N, No, Son,
Nosy, Sonny,
Annoys,
Canyons.

GO FIGURE
Easy
7 – 9 + 9 – 1 = 6
Medium
6 + 8 – 5 + 3 = 12
Hard
7 – 7 + 4 + 5 = 9

LOOP

KAKURO

9	5		2	6			8	
8	7	15	1	4	3		16	
	16	9	8	3	10	4	9	7
	7	7	3	6	1	2	20	
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QUOTE UNCODE
When you're young, try to be realistic; as you get older, become idealistic. You'll live longer.

FAST FIVE

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